

## FROM THE MISSISSIPPI TO THE COLUMBIA..... AND DOWN THE COLUMBIA TO THE SEA

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A. APPLIGATE  
an Oregon Pio  
neer of 1843 :

### CHAPTER I.

We were living near the river in the edge of the woods which skirted the river bank. The prairie country from the house lay westward, and up and down the river, and was vast in extent. Our house was of hewed logs, closely joined together, and the spaces between were filled with lime-stone mortar. There were two buildings, one story and a half high, under one roof, and a porch on the West side of the buildings. There was a stone fireplace and a chimney for each building. There were two doors and probably four windows opening on the porch, and a door towards the river opening on a short walk to the small house containing a loom, where cloth was woven. Near the river were several corn cribs in a row, and sheds for stock. West of the house was a large cornfield, cotton and tobacco patches, and garden. I have no recollection of any orchard, probably because it had as yet supplied me with no fruit. Of forest trees, between the house and the river, I can name the hickory of three kinds—black, shellbark and pig-nut—the last producing a soft-shelled nut. This kind grew between the dwelling house and the corn cribs. Several large walnut trees grew between the corn cribs and the river. A very large burr-oak, also water-oaks, persimmon, slippery elm and sycamore trees grew along the margin of the river. Of timber classed as brush, there were red-bud, sassafras, willow, linebark and hazel. I saw red cedar, chinquapin-oak, paw-paw and pecan trees growing on the other side of the river. In the Autumn season we always gathered several bushels of walnuts, pecans and hickory nuts. There was a kind of plum in this country, which, for sweetness, was equal to the Petite prune, while its flavor was superior. When ripe it was pale yellow, but frosted over with a white, flour-like substance. It was larger than a Petite prune. Wild grapes of a good quality were plentiful; a wild vineyard of the kind called summer grape grew along the brow of the hill about a mile from the house. The ripe berry was black, nearly as large as a domestic catwaba, and as sweet and well flavored as that grape.

But there was an herb growing in the woods, the root of which became so firmly fixed in my memory that should I live to the age attained by Moses of old, I would not forget it. It was known as "Injun fizic," (Indian physic), the technical name of the plant being ipecacuanha. Its usefulness as a medicine was learned from the natives. A dose of this physic, brewed from the root, for a boy, was a tin cup full. It was brought to the patient steaming hot, and was as black as coffee. No cream, sugar, salt, or anything else, was put in the liquid, lest it might modify its perfect nastiness. When the boy saw the cup, and a whiff from the odors of its contents took his breath, he was seized with a fit of trembling, more or less violent, and cold sweat appeared on his forehead; but kind hands now supported him, and encouraging words somewhat restored him, and it was considered that he was now prepared for the worst. Whereupon, he was seized by the nose, and when, in gasping for breath his mouth flew open, the physic was poured down his throat. The boy not being able to stand now, was put to bed. I have thought that if Socrates had been compelled to take a dose of "Injun fizic" instead of the cup of hemlock, he would have concluded to take the advice of his friends when they told him that arrangements had been made for him to escape

to another country where he could live in safety and besought him to embrace this opportunity to save his life. The probabilities are that the old philosopher would have skipped, not to save his life, but to avoid the dose.

In those days nothing was accepted as medicine unless it were offensive to the taste and disagreeable to the stomach; and the more offensive and nauseating, the greater its medicinal virtue was supposed to be. Therefore, there was no discount on "Injun fizic" as a medicine. The opinion also seems to have been general that the surest way to cure a man of disease was to reduce him almost to the point of death; that the less life there was left in a man, the less disease there would be. Where the disease was said to be in the blood, the blood was to be drawn off, leaving only enough in the body to keep the spark of life burning until new blood could be supplied. In those days, I think it would have been difficult to find a man or woman without scars from the lance.

Wild turkeys were plentiful in the woods, and we often heard them calling and gobbling near the house. They were highly prized as a game bird, and a hunter could usually bag all he wanted in a few hours. I often trapped for quails and other small game. The trap was a small box made of boards, set up on triggers in such a way that pulling at the bait, which was attached to one end of the trigger, would allow the box to fall and enclose the game. One morning I found that a rabbit had been in the box, but had gnawed out and made its escape. What surprised me most was the great size of the hole he had cut in one side of the trap to crawl out at. It was large enough for a coyote. He doubtless considered himself larger than he was. I knew it was a rabbit by the tracks in the snow. At another time I visited my trap, and, looking through the cracks from the top of the box, discovered that I had caught a redbird, (about the size of a jaybird). I was delighted when I saw what I had caught, for it was a very pretty bird, and I had often wished that I might have one. So I raised one side of the trap just enough to allow me to put my hand under and seize the bird. The bird, however, was quicker than I was, for he seized me first with both his feet, and made a swipe at my thumb with his beak, taking out quite a slice. His claws were like crooked thorns, his bill was as sharp as a tack, and cut like a pair of scissors. I took hold of the bird with my left hand, but could not get him to let go of my right. While he dug his claws into my hand, he worked with his bill on my thumb and fingers, but I soon stayed the havoc he was making with his beak by securing his head with my left hand, grasping it very lightly so as not to aggravate him. This much accomplished, I could do no more. The situation had become desperate, and I would have gladly surrendered and given the bird his freedom, but the fight was on and I could not get the enemy off my hands. Realizing that I must have help, I ran to the house, which was not over one hundred and fifty yards away, holding the bird up as if for exhibition. As soon as I got into the house, the folks, seeing my bloody hands and agonized pose of countenance, came promptly to my assistance, and by carefully withdrawing the talon, as if it had been a thorn in the flesh, succeeded in separating me and my prize. I was told afterward that they managed to give the bird its freedom without further bloodshed. That

ended the sporting.

My brothers, Elisha and Warren, the first about four and the second about two years older than I was, and James, a cousin the age of Warren, and myself were often about the river, fishing, wading, wallowing in the mud and sand, and trying to swim. And yet I think we were often advised and even commanded not to go swimming, as there was danger of our being drowned. One early Spring day the snow and ice were melting, and a rivulet which poured into the river near the house was full of roaring, foaming, muddy water, about as cold, of course, as ice itself. But the sun was shining quite warm, and we boys were having a jolly time wading and floundering around in the angry waters. The excitement had thrown us off our guard, and we were taken with a sudden surprise and almost overcome with wretchedness when we discovered mother standing on the bank among our clothes with a long switch in her hand. No threat of punishment or cry of despair was heard above the roar of the dashing waters, but every boy, blue and numb as he was with cold, stuck his toes and fingers into the muddy bank and made a dash for his clothes. If mother had been stern enough to punish us, as she probably believed it was her duty to do, surely this was her great opportunity, for we were naked, and, being thoroughly wet, could not get into our shirts. My brother, Elisha, had thrust his head and hands into his shirt, and though he made frantic efforts to get under cover, his garments stuck fast. Mother, probably considering him the most responsible party, thought she would make an example of him and gave him a swipe across the shoulders, which made him dance around and redouble his comical efforts to get his shirt on. But the ridiculous and pitiful spectacle had now overcome her resolution, and a smile was seen to start at the corners of her mouth—a harbinger of mercy we were not slow to detect. She finally assisted us in getting into our clothes, and then warned us that the next time we would be punished to the full extent of the law

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### REDUCED RAILROAD FARES

Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points.

Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold Saturdays and Sundays, and limited to return on or before the following Monday. Rate from Dallas, \$2.50.

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This is to certify that I have used Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills for neuralgia and rheumatic headache and have found them to give relief."—E. D. WEDY, Ex-Mayor and Ex-U. S. Dist. Atty., Helena, Mont.

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### NEW COUNCILMAN ELECTED

Willis Simonton Chosen to Fill Vacancy Caused by Resignation of W. V. Fuller.

The vacancy in the city council caused by the resignation of W. V. Fuller, of the First Ward, was filled Monday evening by the election of Willis Simonton to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Simonton was elected by a unanimous vote, and will take his seat at the first regular meeting in December.

All the city officers were present, and a large amount of routine business was disposed of, the session lasting nearly two hours.

The finance committee reported favorably upon the quarterly reports of the Auditor and City Treasurer, and the reports of these officers were ordered placed upon file.

Claims against the city were ordered paid as follows:

D. P. Stouffer, fees 3 months, \$62.90  
W. G. Vassall, same, 15.43  
OBSERVER, printing notices, 11.20

The Street Commissioner was ordered to build a two-board crosswalk at the south crossing of Jefferson and Ash streets.

An order was made to have the plat of the city streets and the ordinance attached thereto recorded in the office of the Clerk of Polk County.

The cost of the proposed side walk in front of the E. R. Tuttle property on Main street was assessed at \$25, and this amount together with costs and accruing costs was ordered entered in the Docket of City Liens. The contract for the construction of the walk was awarded to D. B. Richardson, his bid being \$23.50.

An ordinance fixing the hour of the meeting of the council at 7:30 o'clock p. m. during all the months of the year was read first time.

A 16-candle-power incandescent light was ordered placed in the Tannery bridge, the same to be paid for at the rate of 75 cents per month.

The Marshal was instructed to purchase a new stove for the City Hall.

The next regular meeting of the council will be held on Monday evening, December 7.

T. J. Cherrington was a Portland visitor this week.

R. E. Williams, cashier of the Dallas City Bank, was a Portland visitor during the week.

On November 16, 1903, there advertised letters in the Dallas postoffice for Mrs. Olive Crowder, Mrs. Floyd E. Fisher, Mrs. L. A. Sloan, Miss Lillie Kinkle, Miss Eva Vincent, Charles W. Simonson, John Willie and Ginn & Co. C. G. COAD, Postmaster.

State School Superintendent J. H. Ackerman met with a painful accident while returning to Salem from Dallas last Saturday afternoon. At a point a short distance beyond Eola, the horses took fright at some object by the roadside, and despite the driver's efforts to control them, jumped to one side and overturned the buggy. Mr. Ackerman fell to the ground striking on his face and breast, and his arm was doubled under his body in such a manner as to catch the full weight of his body in the fall. His hand was badly bruised and it will be several days before he will be able to use it again.

While assisting in moving a house in Falls City one day last week, Adolph Sampson was struck in the abdomen by the capstan lever and painfully injured. He was brought to the Cottage Hotel in Dallas and placed under medical care. The extent of his injuries was difficult to ascertain, and for several days it was feared that serious results might follow. But his condition soon began to improve, and in a few days he was able to leave his bed. Those who saw the accident say that his escape from instant death was little short of miraculous.

ACKER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS are sold on a positive guarantee. Cures heartburn, raising of the food, distress after eating or any form of dyspepsia. One little tablet gives immediate relief. 25 cents, 50 cents. Belt & Cherrington, Dallas, Oregon.

Miss May Shelton has returned home from a visit to relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Courter, of Falls City, were Dallas visitors, Monday.

The wind last Tuesday night blew the Hopewell church from its foundation.

O. E. Leet, the rustling real estate man of Falls City, was in Dallas, Monday.

W. E. Craven and Miss Annie E. McAdams were married this week. Both are residents of Monmouth, the groom being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craven.

The Scroggin Bros. bank was opened up for business Monday. Their new safe has not arrived yet, but they have put in a temporary one until it comes.—Sheridan Sun.

H. W. Bancroft was elected Mayor of Falls City at a recent meeting of the council, to succeed W. H. Milligan, resigned. Mr. Bancroft takes a lively interest in the development of his town, and his election will give general satisfaction.

J. L. Morris who has been in the employ of D. L. Keyt for several years in the dry goods business, who expected to go to Dallas, has resigned his position, and left Friday morning for Antelope, in Eastern Oregon, to look over the business situation.—Sheridan Sun.

Prof. L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of the McMinnville public schools, attended the Teachers' Institute in Dallas last Friday, and remained over to the School Officers' Convention Saturday. Prof. Alderman expressed himself as much pleased with the interest shown in school work by the people of Polk County.

### A Remarkable Case.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by Belt & Cherrington.

## Proverbs

"When the butter won't come put a penny in the churn," is an old time dairy proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever told why.

When mothers are worried because the children do not gain strength and flesh we say give them Scott's Emulsion.

It is like the penny in the milk because it works and because there is something astonishing about it.

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Children take it naturally because they like the taste and the remedy takes just as naturally to the children because it is so perfectly adapted to their wants.

For all weak and pale and thin children Scott's Emulsion is the most satisfactory treatment.

We will send you the penny, i. e., a sample free.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

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### CHANGE IN TIME CARD

New Schedule of Dallas & Falls City Train Will Go Into Effect Monday, November 23.

A change in the time schedule of the morning and afternoon trains between Dallas and Falls City has been made, and will go into effect next Monday. Under the new arrangement, the morning train will leave Dallas at 7:45 a. m., instead of 7:20, as at present, and will arrive in Falls City at 8:20. Returning, it will leave Falls City at 9:20 and arrive in Dallas at 9:55. The afternoon train will leave Dallas at 1:20 p. m., and will arrive in Falls City at 1:55 p. m. Returning, it will leave Falls City at 4 p. m., and will arrive in Dallas at 4:35 p. m.

It will be noted that no change is to be made in the running time under the new schedule. The trip will be made in 35 minutes, as at present. The only difference is that the train will leave Dallas 25 minutes later in the morning, and leave Falls City 35 minutes earlier in the afternoon.

Boats on the Willamette river are running daily between Independence and Portland.

The Holy Rollers at Corvallis are "steaming up" again. Since the leaders, Brooks and Creffield, have returned, the groans have been gradually increasing in volume of tone, and another outburst of a devotional nature is expected to occur at any time.

The Normal Cadet Band, one of the best musical organizations in Oregon, gave a concert to a crowded house in Monmouth, Friday night. The program was greatly enjoyed, and the boys were warmly congratulated upon the rapid progress they are making in their musical work.

The Tillamook County courthouse was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour Saturday morning. The books and records of the County Clerk's office and the 1903 tax roll were saved. The courthouse was a neat frame structure, and was built in 1900 at a cost of \$5000.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Baptist church in Independence next Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Edmonston will preach the sermon. Dr. Thompson, of the Presbyterian church, will preach a Thanksgiving sermon next Sunday morning in that church.

License to wed was issued this week to Frank Gilliam and Miss Iva I. Hooker. Mr. Gilliam is a son of one of Polk County's prominent pioneer families, and is a substantial farmer and stockraiser of the Pedee neighborhood. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hooker, of Airie. The many friends of this worthy couple will wish them the greatest happiness in their new relation.

R. L. Feigel, a former resident of Benton county, died of heart failure at his home in Independence, Sunday night, aged 69 years. His daughter died in Portland the same day, and the remains were taken to Independence for burial. The funeral was conducted by Dr. E. J. Thompson, and the bodies were interred in the L. O. O. F. cemetery. Mr. Feigel's daughter was married and leaves three children.

N. C. Mathers, of California, who recently bought a buck kid of U. S. Grant, of Dallas, Oregon, writes that he has been breeding Angora goats eight years and has bought eight bucks, and his purchase from Mr. Grant suits him best of all. He reports that this buck kid is, in fact, the largest, finest and best young buck that he has ever seen. Mr. Mathers says there are not a great many Angoras now in his part of the state but the business promises to be one of importance there before long.—Rural Northwest.

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J. B. Stump, of Monmouth, Oregon, reports that Calvin & Hammel, near neighbors of Tom Wedgwood, bought a yearling Angora buck of him a few weeks ago and more recently sent him an order for six more, sending \$10 more than the price he asked. Mr. Stump has sold all of his yearling bucks and a number of his kid bucks.—Rural Northwest.

A dispatch from Independence to Saturday's Telegram says: "The Independence Division of the Women's Department of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, met at the City Hall, Wednesday afternoon, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. A. J. Goodman; first vice-president, Mrs. J. S. Cooper; second vice-president, Mrs. O. D. Butler; third vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard; secretary, Miss Florence Wagoner; treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Owen; press representative, Mrs. O. D. Butler. The division continues to grow in membership. The Council has granted the free use of the City Hall for the meetings."

### CHINAMAN LOSES SUIT

Supreme Court Finds There Is Not Sufficient Evidence of Fraud to Avoid Settlement.

The Supreme Court handed down a decision Monday in the suit of Sing On, appellant, vs. Jacob Brown and C. E. Brown, respondents, appeal from Polk County, affirming the decision of Judge Boise.

This was a suit to set aside one lease and restore another one, upon the allegation that an agreement and settlement had been obtained by fraud. The Supreme Court holds that it is the policy of the law to favor voluntary settlements of controversies and that there is no sufficient evidence of fraud in this case to avoid the settlement.

### \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The price is \$1.00 per bottle. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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### Played Out.

Dull Headache, Pains in various parts of the body Sinking at the Pit of the Stomach, Loss of Appetite, Feverishness, Fimples or Sores are all positive evidences of impure blood. No matter how it became so, it must be purified in order to obtain good health. Ackers' Blood Elixir has never failed to cure Scrofulous or Syphilitic poisons or any other blood diseases. It is certainly a wonderful remedy and we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Belt & Cherrington, Dallas, Oregon.

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